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# SUPERFUND FACT SHEET

Landia Chemical Site  
Lakeland, Polk County, Florida



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## INFORMATIONAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 1

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) South Superfund Management Branch and Emergency Response and Removal Branch, invites the Lakeland community to an informational meeting regarding the Landia Chemical Site, Lakeland, Florida. All interested parties are invited to attend.

### \*\*\* INFORMATIONAL MEETING \*\*\*

**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2000

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Lakeland Center, Lake Hunter Room

**Meeting Format:** Presentation on-the-hour followed by questions.

EPA has prepared a short – approximately 10 to 12 minutes – presentation on the results of the on- and off-site sample activities conducted in Lakeland the week of October 25, 1999. This presentation will be shown and repeated every hour starting at 3:00 p.m. The last presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. A question and answer period will follow each presentation

The following agencies will have representatives and technical experts on hand to answer questions and provide information to the community.

● U.S. EPA Region 4 South Superfund Management Branch and Emergency Response and Removal Branch ● Florida Department of Environmental Protection ● Florida Department of Health ● Polk County Health Department

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## EPA Reports Soil Sample Results

### Results of October 1999 Soil Sampling

The results of EPA's October 1999 soil and sediment sampling in the Westgate area indicate contaminants are present in some areas which exceed EPA's Emergency Response action levels. The cleanup of these areas will be the focus of an EPA removal action by the Emergency Response and Removal Branch. The long-term study of the soil, surface water, groundwater and air will continue.

EPA screened soil samples from the properties of Landia, Florida Favorite Fertilizer (FFF), and the property just west of FFF against acceptable **industrial** soil values to determine if contaminant concentrations were present at levels which would pose a public health concern. EPA screened the samples taken in the Wayman Street ditch and in the Westgate neighborhood against acceptable **residential** soil values to determine if contaminant concentrations were present at levels which would pose a public health concern. The results of the sampling show that pesticides and metals are present at various locations on the Landia property, the FFF property, and the property just west of FFF that exceed the EPA industrial action levels for surface

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soil. The results also show that contaminants are present off-site that exceed EPA residential action levels only in the portion of the Wayman Street ditch closest to the Landia property.

EPA has made the determination that, based on the analysis of the October 1999 soil sampling, the EPA Emergency Response and Removal Branch will take immediate action both on-site and along the initial portion of the drainage ditch closest to the Landia property, where contaminant concentrations exceed EPA action levels.

EPA will continue its comprehensive remedial investigation of the area. This will include determining the nature and extent of contamination in all media and the risk associated with any contaminants present. EPA will then develop a feasibility study which evaluates cleanup alternatives and propose a remedial alternative to the public. This remedial investigation and feasibility study is anticipated to be completed in April 2002.

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**1999 Schedule of Site Activities -- July 1999 to December 1999.**

<b>July</b>	EPA Emergency Response and Removal personnel conduct sampling at the Site to determine if a removal action is necessary.		FDOH receives comments on the <u>Draft Public Health Assessment</u> .
<b>July/ August</b>	EPA and Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), FFF and Agrico, negotiate the terms of a comprehensive site-specific RI/FS workplan.	<b>October</b>	EPA conducts community interviews in preparation for the <u>Community Involvement Plan</u> .  Contractors for FFF and Agrico obtain property access and begin preparations for sampling.  FDOH releases the <u>Final Public Health Assessment</u> with recommendations.
<b>September</b>	EPA and PRPs sign the Administrative Order on Consent, a legal agreement between EPA and the PRPs to conduct the RI/F.  EPA and Florida Department of Health (FDOH) hold an open house to enable the community to ask questions and meet key personnel.  EPA establishes an Information Repository; Site documents, such as general EPA information, the <u>Public Health Assessment</u> , and the RI/FS workplan, are available to the public.	<b>November</b>	EPA approves Sampling and Analysis Plan, Health and Safety Plan, and Investigation Derived Waste Plan submitted by FFF and Agrico.
		<b>December</b>	EPA completes the <u>Community Involvement Plan</u> and places a copy in the Information Repository.  EPA begins oversight of RI/FS field work performed by the Respondents, FFF and Agrico.